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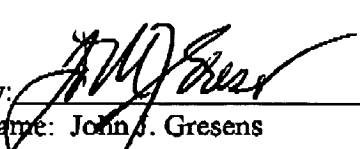
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Group Art Unit: **1641**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is made to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004. Claims 154-168, 170-181, 211 are pending and claim 212 is allowed in the present application.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 10 of this paper.